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KENNEDY ROUNDUP
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WASHINGTON, OCT. 10 (AP)--PRESIDENT KENNEDY SAYS SPECULATION THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAS PICKED ADMINISTRATION POLICY IN SOUTH VIET NAM IS "WHOLLY UNTRUE" AND DOES THE CIA AN INJUSTICE.

AT HIS FIRST NEWS CONFERENCE IN NEARLY FIVE WEEKS, KENNEDY ALSO CONFIRMED YESTERDAY THAT JOSEPH RICHARDSON HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM HIS OLD POST AS CHIEF OF THE CIA MISSION IN SOUTH VIET NAM. HE CALLED RICHARDSON "A VERY DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT" AND GAVE NO REASON FOR THE TRANSFER NOR SAID WHERE RICHARDSON WOULD SERVE.

THE EARLY-EVENING SESSION WITH 258 REPORTERS ALSO PRODUCED:

--A PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL PERMIT PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN TO SELL SOME \$250 MILLION OF SURPLUS WHEAT TO THE SOVIET UNION AND HER EUROPEAN SATELLITES. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT "THERE WILL BE SOME WHO WILL DISAGREE WITH THIS DECISION," KENNEDY SAID IT IS "VERY MUCH IN THE INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES."

--A KENNEDY STATEMENT THAT HE THINKS SEN. BARRY GOLDWATER OF ARIZONA CAN "CARRY THE 1964 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION--IF HE PASSES A PRE-CONVENTION TEST OF "HIS ENDURANCE AND HIS PERSEVERANCE AND HIS AGILITY."

--A RESTATEMENT OF OFFICIAL OPPOSITION TO MILITARY COUPS IN LATIN AMERICA, COMBINED WITH REJECTION OF THE IDEA OF USING AMERICAN MILITARY MIGHT TO THWART THEM. SHORT OF THE USE OF FORCE, KENNEDY SAID, THE UNITED STATES WAS POWERLESS TO PREVENT MILITARY COUPS IN CUBA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

--A DISCLOSURE BY KENNEDY THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS MADE NO RESPONSE TO HIS OCT. 20 PROPOSAL THAT THIS COUNTRY AND THE SOVIETS MOUNT A JOINT EXPEDITION TO PUT A MAN ON THE MOON BY 1970. KENNEDY SAID THE SUBJECT MIGHT COME UP AT A LATE-AFTERNOON CONFERENCE WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI A. GROMIKO.

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--AN ASSERTION THAT IT WOULD BE "A GREAT MISTAKE" TO REDUCE THE 40-HOUR WORK WEEK.

--A STATEMENT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS WATCHFULLY CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT PRICE INCREASES IN STEEL, ALUMINUM, HEAVY CHEMICALS AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

KENNEDY WAS ASKED TO DISCLOSE REPORTS THAT THE CIA PLAYED AN INDEPENDENT ROLE IN SOUTH VIET NAM AND CLASHED WITH PENTAGON AND STATE DEPARTMENT POLICIES. HE SAID THIS WAS "WHOLLY UNTRUE" AND UNFAIR.

THE PRESIDENT SAID HE STUDIED THE RECORD OF THE PAST NINE MONTHS AND FOUND NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT CIA "HAS DONE ANYTHING BUT SUPPORT POLICY."

AT ANOTHER POINT, HOWEVER, KENNEDY CONCEDED OFFICIALS HAVE DIFFERED ABOUT POLICY IN SOUTH VIET NAM. BUT NOW, HE SAID, "I KNOW OF NO DISAGREEMENT...ON WHAT OUR BASIC POLICIES WILL BE AND WHAT STEPS WE WILL TAKE TO IMPLEMENT IT."